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MEMORANDUM

The Census and Statistics Office of the Department of Agriculture has this year procured through the Post Office returns of the statistics of field crops and live stock from the farmers of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Ontario and Quebec. This Bulletin is the first of the reports on the census so taken, and it will be followed soon by similar reports for Ontario and Quebec.

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FARM LAND FIELD CROPS AND LIVE STOCK OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES

A census of farm land, field crops and live stock of the Maritime provinces has been taken for the current year through the medium of the Post Office. Schedules approved by the Governor General in Council were mailed to the farmers of the three provinces with a request for returns showing the acres of land occupied, cleared, in all crops and in orchard and garden, together with acres in 16 principal field crops and number of live stock by kinds for each farm. These returns have been compiled by counties, and the ratio of land occupied in the returns to the total of land occupied in the counties has been used in making estimates of full statistics for the counties and provinces. In the tables of this Bulletin figures are given for the provinces only, and when reports of the yield of field crops have been collected a second Bulletin will be issued giving statistics of farm land, field crops and live stock by counties for each of the provinces. Table I presents the statistics of the three provinces for 1907, and tables II, III and IV the statistics of each province for the years 1901 and 1907, and the increase or decrease in the period for each item specified in the schedule. Tables V, VI and VII are comparative statements of areas of land and crops and number of live stock per 100 acres of land occupied in the years 1901 and 1907; but it will be understood that the field crops of the 1901 census are for the harvest of 1900. Another fact to be observed in an examination of the comparative statistics of live stock is, that whereas the census of 1901 was taken at the end of winter, after reduction by slaughter and sale of all surplus animals, the numbers of 1907 are those of the summer season and include additions to the stock of the year by natural increase. Consequently the gains in the provinces are less than they appear, and the falling off in Prince Edward Island in milch cows and sheep is larger than it appears. But on the whole the rate of increase per 100 acres of occupied land, as shown in the comparative tables, is very satisfactory. It is not large, but with only a few exceptions it is constant.

Agricultural
Census of New
Brunswick,
Nova Scotia
and Prince
Edward
Island, 1907.

Comparative
statistics of
1901 and 1907.

ARCHIBALD BLUE,
Chief Officer.

Census and Statistics Office,
Ottawa, November, 1907.

TABLE I. Lands, crops and live stock of the Maritime provinces in 1907.

Schedule.	New Brunswick.	Nova Scotia.	P. E. Island.
Land—			
Cleared..... Ac.	1,664,941	1,834,802	763,263
In all crops..... "	1,087,626	883,472	504,228
In orchard..... "	16,290	54,051	5,965
Field Crops—			
Fall wheat..... Ac.	2,224	1,882	-
Spring wheat..... "	25,946	18,537	35,795
Oats..... "	229,253	128,777	176,587
Barley..... "	5,405	10,234	5,489
Rye..... "	279	845	65
Buckwheat..... "	63,541	18,657	4,415
Corn in ear..... "	615	440	143
Mixed grains..... "	5,386	7,862	14,195
Beans..... "	2,134	3,098	277
Pease..... "	2,751	1,635	644
Potatoes..... "	50,463	43,836	32,573
Turnips..... "	13,026	14,494	8,949
Other field roots..... "	3,119	4,970	1,193
Hay..... "	667,789	593,368	220,018
Corn for forage..... "	914	1,615	735
Other forage crops..... "	3,038	4,348	2,028
Live Stock—			
Horses..... NO.	65,784	63,418	34,363
Milch cows..... "	128,706	143,362	53,096
Other cattle..... "	130,937	198,861	61,156
Sheep..... "	250,546	384,940	111,202
Swine..... "	97,091	74,811	55,005
Poultry..... "	1,031,583	1,040,467	720,787

TABLE II. Lands, crops and live stock of New Brunswick in 1907 and 1901.

Schedule.	1907.	1901.	Increase.
Land—			
Cleared..... Ac.	1,664,941	1,405,615	259,326
In all crops..... "	1,087,626	894,795	192,831
In orchard..... "	16,290	8,734	7,556
Field Crops—			
Fall wheat..... Ac.	2,224	335	1,889
Spring wheat..... "	25,946	26,582	-636 ¹
Oats..... "	229,253	186,700	42,493
Barley..... "	5,405	4,574	831
Rye..... "	279	188	91
Buckwheat..... "	63,541	73,459	-9,918 ¹
Corn in ear..... "	615	257	358
Mixed grains..... "	5,386	1,228	4,158
Beans..... "	2,134	705	1,429
Pease..... "	2,751	1,706	1,045
Potatoes..... "	50,463	39,683	10,780
Turnips..... "	13,026	5,704	7,322
Other field roots..... "	3,119	1,366	1,753
Hay..... "	667,789	547,967	119,822
Corn for forage..... "	914	665	249
Other forage crops..... "	3,038	3,441	-403 ¹
Live Stock—			
Horses..... NO.	65,784	55,877	9,907
Milch cows..... "	128,706	105,992	22,714
Other cattle..... "	130,937	114,938	15,999
Sheep..... "	250,546	189,626	60,920
Swine..... "	97,091	50,243	46,848
Poultry..... "	1,031,583	657,333	374,250

¹Decrease

TABLE III. Lands, crops and live stock of Nova Scotia in 1907 and 1901.

Schedule.	1907.	1901.	Increase.
Land—			
Cleared	1,834,802	1,244,275	590,527
In all crops	883,472	720,166	163,306
In orchard	54,061	32,858	21,193
Field Crops—			
Fall wheat	1,889	160	1,722
Spring wheat	18,537	16,167	2,370
Oats	128,777	90,924	37,853
Barley	10,234	7,679	2,555
Rye	845	1,015	-170 ¹
Buckwheat	18,657	9,345	9,312
Corn in ear	440	176	264
Mixed grains	7,862	2,896	4,966
Beans	3,098	792	2,306
Pease	1,635	148	1,487
Potatoes	43,836	36,290	7,546
Turnips	14,494	4,823	9,669
Other field roots	4,970	1,654	3,316
Hay	593,368	545,931	47,437
Corn for forage	1,615	583	1,032
Other forage crops	4,343	1,581	2,767
Live Stock—			
Horses	63,418	55,174	8,244
Milch cows	143,362	127,945	15,417
Other cattle	198,861	173,757	25,104
Sheep	384,940	278,549	106,391
Swine	74,811	42,015	32,796
Poultry	1,040,467	693,664	346,803

¹Decrease.

TABLE IV. Lands, crops and live stock of Prince Edward Island in 1907 and 1901.

Schedule.	1907.	1901.	Increase.
Land—			
Cleared AC.	763,263	724,978	38,285
In all crops "	504,228	447,094	57,134
In orchard "	5,965	3,102	2,863
Field Crops—			
Fall wheat AC.	-	-	-
Spring wheat "	35,795	42,274	-6,479 ¹
Oats "	176,587	164,365	12,222
Barley "	5,489	4,554	935
Rye "	65	5	60
Buckwheat "	4,415	2,990	1,425
Corn in ear "	143	37	106
Mixed grains "	14,195	6,772	7,423
Beans "	277	32	245
Pease "	644	148	496
Potatoes "	32,573	33,196	-623 ¹
Turnips "	8,949	7,757	1,192
Other field roots "	1,193	1,128	65
Hay "	220,018	181,776	38,242
Corn for forage "	735	712	23
Other forage crops "	2,028	1,301	727
Live Stock—			
Horses NO.	34,363	33,358	1,005
Milch cows "	53,006	55,694	-2,598 ¹
Other cattle "	61,156	56,118	5,038
Sheep "	111,202	125,175	-13,973 ¹
Swine "	55,005	47,624	7,381
Poultry "	720,787	568,578	152,209

¹Decrease.

TABLE V. Comparative statement of acres of land cleared, in all crops and in orchard per 100 acres of land occupied in 1907 and 1901.

Land.	New Brunswick.		Nova Scotia.		P. E. Island.	
	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.
Cleared..... ac.	37.79	31.91	36.22	24.56	63.79	60.79
All crops	24.69	10.31	17.40	14.18	42.26	37.46
Orchard..... "	.37	.20	1.06	.65	.51	.26

TABLE VI. Comparative statement of acres of principal field crops per 100 acres of land occupied in 1907 and 1901.

Kinds.	New Brunswick.		Nova Scotia.		P. E. Island.	
	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.
Spring wheat..... ac.	.59	.60	.37	.31	3.00	3.54
Oats..... "	5.20	4.24	2.54	1.79	14.80	13.77
Barley..... "	.12	.10	.20	.15	.46	.38
Buckwheat..... "	1.44	1.67	.37	.18	.37	.25
Mixed grains..... "	.12	.03	.15	.06	1.19	.57
Potatoes..... "	1.35	.90	.86	.71	2.73	2.78
Turnips..... "	.30	.13	.20	.10	.75	.65
Other field roots..... "	.07	.03	.10	.03	.10	.09
Hay..... "	15.16	12.44	11.69	10.75	18.44	15.23

TABLE VII. Comparative statement of number of live stock per 100 acres of land occupied in 1907 and 1901.

Kinds.	New Brunswick.		Nova Scotia.		P. E. Island.	
	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.	1907.	1901.
Horses..... No.	1.49	1.27	1.25	1.09	2.88	2.80
Milch cows..... "	2.92	2.41	2.82	2.52	4.45	4.67
Other cattle..... "	3.00	2.61	3.92	3.42	5.17	4.70
Sheep..... "	5.69	4.10	7.58	5.50	9.32	10.49
Swine..... "	2.20	1.14	1.47	.83	4.61	4.00
Poultry..... "	24.42	14.92	25.42	13.66	60.41	47.64

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